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SUBJECT: PRESS INTERVIEW WITH FONMIN PAK TONG-CHIN

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IN RESPONSE POLCOUNS COMMENTS TO MOFA AMERICAN BUREAU DIRECTOR
PAK SANG-YONG APRIL 9 (REF B), PAK HAS COME UP WITH RATHER
LAME "NON EXPLANATION." IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION APRIL 20
HE SAID AFTER CHECKING HE HAD FOUND THAT FOREIGN MINISTER HAD
INDEED TALKED TO LA TIMES CORRESPONDENT JAMIESON BUT HAD
SPENT ALMOST THE ENTIRE TIME ON THE SUBJECT OF TROOP WITHDRAWAL.
THE LA TIMES, CLAIMED PAK, SUBSEQUENTLY RAN ONLY THAT PART OF
JAMIESON'S DESPATCH PERTAINING TO ROKG OBSERVATION OF KOREAN
CITIZENS' ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES. PAK SANG-YONG
SAID HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO TALK TO HIS FOREIGN MINISTER --
THE LATTER IS CURRENTLY IN EUROPE FOR A CHIEFS OF MISSION
CONFERENCE -- BUT WAS SURE THE MINISTER HAD NOT INTENDED TO
IMPLY THAT SOUTH KOREAN CONSULAR OR EMBASSY OFFICIALS WERE
DOING ANY MORE THAN PERFORMING NORMAL CONSULAR FUNCTIONS
IN PROTECTION KOREAN CITIZENS' INTERESTS. WHEN POLCOUNS
POINTED OUT THAT TYPE OF SURVEILLANCE DESCRIBED BY LA TIMES
COULD BE INTERPRETED AS GOING BEYOND NORMAL CONSULAR
ACTIVITY IN PROTECTION OF KOREAN CITIZENS' INTERESTS,
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PAK SANG-YONG WAFFLED, REITERATING THAT HE WAS SURE FOREIGN
MINISTER HAD NOT MEANT TO IMPLY ROKG OFFICIALS DOING
ANYTHING IRREGULAR. POLCOUNS THEN AGAIN MADE POINTS
CONTAINED PARA 3, REF A AND SUGGESTED THAT IF ROK MISSION
IN THE UNITED STATES HAD ANY PROBLEM OR QUESTIONS REGARDING
ACTIVITIES OF KOREAN CITIZENS IN THE UNITED STATES, IT SHOULD
BRING THESE MATTERS TO THE DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION.

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